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Pennsylvania Broilers

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Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Up 5 Percent from the Previous Week

Pennsylvania: Broiler chicks placed in the Commonwealth during the week ending April 29, 2006, were 3,051,000, up 5 percent from the previous week but 6 percent below the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 6 percent below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,790,000, down 6 percent from the previous week and down 6 percent from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 1 percent below the comparable period last year.

Nineteen States: Broiler chicks placed in the 19 Selected States were 176,618,000, up 1 percent from the previous week but down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier.

Placements during the past 9 weeks were 1 percent below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 209,630,000, down 1 percent from the previous week and down 2 percent from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 1 percent below the comparable period last year.

Expected Marketings: Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier, less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending June 24, 2006, will be 2,798,000, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The 19 States expected marketings should total 169,137,000, 2 percent below the previous year.

Broilers Placed, Eggs Set, Expected Marketings

| Period Covered | Pennsylvania | | | 19 States | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Number (1,000) | Percent | | Number | Percent | |
| | | Previous Week | Year Earlier | (1,000) | Previous Week | Year Earlier |
| Broilers Placed | | | | | | _ |
| Past Week | 3,051 | 105 | 94 | 176,618 | 101 | 98 |
| Past 9 Weeks | 26,057 | NA | 94 | 1,577,935 | NA | 99 |
| Eggs Set | | | | | | |
| Past Week | 3,790 | 94 | 94 | 209,630 | 99 | 98 |
| Past 3 Weeks | 12,175 | NA | 99 | 636,659 | NA | 99 |
| Expected Marketings | | | | | | |
| Week Ending: | | | | | | |
| Jun 24, 2006 | 2,798 | NA | 93 | 169,137 | NA | 98 |

Poultry Slaughter: Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending April 22, 2006, totaled 1,994,000 head with an average live weight of 5.40 pounds.

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| | | Week Ending | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| State | Mar 25 2006 | Apr 1 2006 | Apr 8 2006 | Apr 15 2006 | Apr 22 2006 | Apr 29 2006 | | |
| | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | | |
| AL | 31,906 | 30,835 | *31,814 | 31,147 | 30,175 | 31,584 | | |
| AR | 29,754 | 30,034 | *30,647 | 30,364 | 30,234 | 29,461 | | |
| DE | 3,620 | *3,635 | 3,583 | 3,466 | 3,726 | 3,580 | | |
| FL | 1,364 | 1,366 | *1,389 | 1,344 | 1,352 | 1,364 | | |
| GA | 34,822 | 35,004 | 34,747 | 35,257 | 34,747 | 34,425 | | |
| KY | 7,160 | *7,300 | 7,436 | 7,339 | 7,004 | 7,133 | | |
| LA | 3,756 | 4,058 | 4,136 | 4,136 | 4,000 | 3,970 | | |
| MD | 8,632 | 8,870 | 8,924 | 8,844 | 8,824 | 8,859 | | |
| MS | 18,528 | 18,393 | 18,285 | 18,004 | 18,172 | 17,788 | | |
| ND | 18,010 | 18,678 | *18,397 | 18,573 | *19,078 | 18,744 | | |
| OK | *6,498 | 6,367 | 6,666 | *6,771 | *6,603 | 6,497 | | |
| PA | 3,809 | 4,186 | 4,276 | 4,351 | *4,034 | 3,790 | | |
| SC | 5,382 | 5,027 | 5,120 | 4,959 | 5,205 | 5,395 | | |
| TX | 13,466 | 15,074 | 15,073 | 15,059 | 14,984 | 13,444 | | |
| VA | 6,561 | 6,563 | 6,503 | *6,553 | *6,443 | 6,501 | | |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 17,785 | 18,015 | 18,328 | 18,244 | 18,037 | 17,095 | | |
| 19 State Total | *211,053 | *213,405 | *215,324 | *214,411 | *212,618 | 209,630 | | |
| Previous Year Total | 213,028 | 212,503 | 217,115 | 215,452 | 215,123 | 214,687 | | |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 98 | | |

^{*}Revised.

Broiler Chicks Set, 19 Selected States

| | Week Ending | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| State | Mar 25 2006 | Apr 1 2006 | Apr 8 2006 | Apr 15 2006 | Apr 22 2006 | Apr 29 2006 | |
| | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | |
| AL | 21,700 | 21,811 | 21,367 | 21,403 | 20,806 | 21,350 | |
| AR | *25,370 | 24,238 | 24,090 | *23,110 | *23,469 | 24,234 | |
| DE | 6,002 | 6,235 | 5,680 | 4,918 | *4,740 | 4,996 | |
| FL | 1,536 | 1,471 | 1,304 | 1,531 | 1,428 | 1,522 | |
| GA | 28,485 | 27,909 | 26,625 | 27,919 | 29,050 | 28,904 | |
| KY | 5,862 | 6,011 | 5,640 | 6,263 | *6,280 | 6,217 | |
| LA | 3,831 | 4,149 | 3,912 | 3,811 | 4,139 | 3,914 | |
| MD | 4,852 | 4,820 | 5,414 | 5,347 | *5,901 | 5,670 | |
| MS | 16,428 | 16,490 | 16,414 | 16,394 | 16,394 | 16,413 | |
| ND | 15,323 | 15,606 | 15,030 | 14,787 | *15,272 | 15,098 | |
| OK | 5,095 | 5,319 | 5,313 | 5,683 | 4,877 | 5,143 | |
| PA | 2,913 | 2,963 | 2,961 | 2,690 | *2,913 | 3,051 | |
| SC | 4,849 | 4,497 | 5,378 | 4,582 | 4,286 | 4,703 | |
| TX | 13,103 | 13,058 | 12,971 | 11,458 | 12,810 | 12,872 | |
| VA | 5,098 | 4,916 | 4,916 | 5,462 | 5,375 | 5,123 | |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 16,549 | 17,500 | 16,966 | 16,598 | 16,791 | 17,408 | |
| 19 State Total | *176,996 | 176,993 | 173,981 | *171,956 | *174,531 | 176,618 | |
| Previous Year Total | 178,178 | 177,165 | 176,158 | 176,765 | 175,439 | 180,017 | |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 99 | 100 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 98 | |

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